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REMARKS

The action by the Examiner in the noted Office Action of November 16, together with the references cited therein, have been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, the claims have been amended in accordance with conditions for allowance and to define more clearly the patentable invention. Claim 12 has been cancelled, and new claims 13 and 14 presented. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the claims in their present form, together with the following comments, and allow the application.

Drawings

Examiner's objections have been noted. Replacement Sheet 3 and the specification changes are believed to overcome the objections. Sheet 3 renumbers the pivot pin as numeral 62. Surface numerals 61 and 62, not appearing in the Specification have been deleted. Acceptance of the Drawings is requested.

Specification

Regarding the paragraph 2, it is believed that the arrangement of the specification is consistent with the guidelines, as well as with the arrangement in the cited references. Should Examiner nonetheless

require amendment for literal correspondence with the suggested format, Applicant will make such changes.

Regarding paragraph 3, the specification has been amended to list "Figure 3" in replacement for "Figure 8".

Regarding paragraph 4, the referenced trademarks have been capitalized or deleted.

Regarding paragraph 5, the specification has been amended to insert the noted missing word. No new matter is presented thereby.

Regarding paragraph 6, a spacing has been inserted in accordance with Examiner's suggestion.

As to paragraph 7, the specification has been amended to insert numeral 49 in replacement for number 63; thereby overcoming the noted formality.

Additionally, the title has been amended to eliminate the trademark.

With these changes, the objections are believed overcome and acceptance of the specification as amended is requested.

Claims Objections

Regarding paragraphs 8-10, Examiner's objections are noted and the proposed corrections adopted. Claim 12 has been cancelled, and the

objection of paragraph 11 has been noted but is no longer relevant.

Withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Claims Rejections Section-35 USC 112

The noted trademark issues of paragraph 13 have been addressed above and have been deleted from the pending claims. As to paragraph 14, claim 1 has been amended for proper antecedence of "receiver". As to paragraph 15, the superfluous word "side" has been deleted, and the claim is submitted to overcome the noted clarity issue. Withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-11 were deemed allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 112 rejections. This condition has been satisfied as noted above, and allowance of these claims is requested.

Claims Rejections

Original method claim 12 was rejected under Section 103 over Wilkens in view of Jones. Claim 12 has been cancelled and new claims 13 and 14 are submitted to recite patentable novelty thereover. Certain aspects of Wilkens are apparent. It does not provide a carrier for

removable doors. Rather, it concerns door parts that can be removed to improve visibility, specifically including upper sections of doors, side panels and tops characterized by canvas material with transparent plastic material (column 1, lines 16–26). These upper canvas panels, 52 and 54, clearly illustrated in the Figures, are not the doors 32. Further, the clear thrust of Wilkens is the mounting at the spare tire bracket. To mount the Wilkens carrier at a hitch is contrary to the disclosure objectives and would increase the complexity of mounting and detract from the intended aesthetics.

Against this understanding the references, claims 13 recites a method clearly not taught or suggested by Wilkens. The claim recites a method for transporting a door having hinge pins and a latch mechanism. A frame member includes sleeve members for receiving the pins of the door and a pin member for actuating the latch mechanism. These elements and associated methodology are not taught or suggested by Wilkens, and it is submitted that claim 13 and claim 14 dependent thereon recited patentable novelty over the cited references. Allowance of claims 13 and 14 is requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 11 and 13–14 recite patentable novelty and the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters

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which need to be discussed in order to expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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